

**MOTTO**—The Missouri Herald believing those at the TOP well able to take care of themselves, has taken its stand in the barricades of the COMMON PEOPLE, and its fight will be made for the BETTERMENT of those at the BOTTOM.

# The Missouri Herald

**WANTED**—Correspondents. It shall be the purpose of The Missouri Herald to print the news from all parts of the county, and correspondents are wanted from every neighborhood. Good writers are furnished material, postage and copy of paper.

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## FOR COLLECTOR.

A. P. (Parker) Kersey, who has made one of the best collectors Pemiscot county ever had, authorizes The Missouri Herald to say that he would like to have the office another term. His appeal is to the Democratic voters in the August primary, and being so well and favorably known it is thought he will have no opponent in that contest a due and proper recognition to his merit.

Everything Parker has undertaken he made a success of it. First, after completing his own education, he taught school in this county for about twelve years. He made a success of that. Next, he ran for and was elected tax assessor, and in filling the duties of that office he recorded the same score. His work was above criticism. March 4, 1919, he became collector of the revenue of Pemiscot county, which term will expire March 4, next. The record he has made in that office was never before excelled. He has been a close collector, yet considerate and as lenient as law would permit. He has got all he could and has been as light as he could in getting it. At the present time it is said there is considerable personal taxes remaining unpaid, but this cannot be Mr. Kersey's fault. In most cases where personal taxes have to be collected by suit and seizure of property the result is that the amount recovered is no more and often not sufficient to pay the cost in such suits. The saying that "blood cannot be gotten out of a turnip" is as true now as it always was, except there are more "turnips" than there ever was. In trying to avoid such results there has been an accumulation of considerable unpaid personal taxes, and this Mr. Kersey intends to recover as expeditiously as possible. It should also be considered that these are abnormal times—taxes never so high, and the people never had so little with which to pay. "Normalcy" apparently has taken the wrong road, or has been ditched, for it is so far off it cannot be seen with a spyglass as big as the Lick telescope. If taxes are not paid as promptly as should be, the blame is upon the "elephant" that stepped upon and mashed the peoples' pocketbook as flat as a pancake. It doesn't make the state and county any richer to stand some poor cuss on his head and try to shake him down for "back taxes" if there is no coin in his pockets to shake down. As said, Mr. Kersey has tried to avoid doing this as far as possible. But even that being true, he has collected something more than \$100,000.00 more school taxes for 1921 than he collected in 1920.

Outside of unavoidable conditions, Mr. Kersey's record would be hard to improve upon. His books have been audited and found in commendable shape. He has at all times been courteous to the oppressed taxpayers, showing them all the favors within his power. Being one of the common people, he understands their hardships and feels for and sympathizes with them. He has given his full time and best attention to the office, and the people of Pemiscot county will do well to give him their careful consideration.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

Some necessary work to strengthen the roof and west wall of the church was completed last week. The work was planned by Mr. Sparks of St. Louis, head architect of the M. K. & T. R. R. system, and makes the building absolutely safe and permanent.

Bro. Tabb, a former pastor, was in town a few hours Saturday night to the great delight of all who met him.

All are invited to our services.  
W. C. SCOTT, Pastor.

Dock Sorrell of Faust, who has been in bad health for some time was able to be in town last Saturday for a short while.

Royal baking powder for surest and best results, at Buckleys'.

B. B. Sanders of Caruthersville, candidate for Probate Judge, was in town Tuesday seeing after his "fences."

## FRISCO TRAINS ANNULLED

The through Frisco passenger trains have been annulled since Tuesday, and all mail from the outside world reaching here has been detoured by Poplar Bluff and Memphis, causing a delay of twelve to twenty-four hours.

This has been caused by the high water at Cape Girardeau and above there. Since last week the flood waters have been running over the Frisco tracks above Cape Girardeau and while coming up into the fireboxes of the engines trains were operated with more or less regularity. But since Tuesday of this week the waters have risen to such an extent that this is no longer possible. The water is in the depot at Cape Girardeau, and also covers considerable of the lower part of town.

The Frisco will continue to operate local passenger trains from Memphis to Cape Girardeau, and from the upper edge of the high water trouble to St. Louis.

St. Louis and Memphis freight is being handled by the Frisco through Springfield, but this is causing considerable delay in freight reaching here.

The Mississippi at St. Louis is still rising and will continue to rise until probably Sunday.

At Cairo another rise is in progress, but neither the Ohio nor the Tennessee are at excessive flood stage at any of the upper points. However, there is enough water in sight to very nearly bring the Mississippi back to the stage it was a few days ago. This, of itself, is a serious proposition, because the levee will be soft and the leakage will cause delay of farming along the adjoining territory.

## FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE

Just as The Missouri Herald was being put to press this, Friday morning, Charles Edgar Bragg of Caruthersville, phones us to place his announcement in these columns as a candidate for the office of Circuit Court Judge for the 38th judicial circuit, the same being composed of New Madrid and Pemiscot counties subject to the wishes of the Democratic voters in the August primary.

Attorney Bragg has lived in this county about twenty years, being a member of the Caruthersville bar where he has resided and practiced law in all the courts. He ran for and was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney, serving by reelection two terms, as we recall.

His record in this office is before the people. As he served them in that capacity he could be expected to serve them on the bench.

Attorney Bragg is a good lawyer, a quiet, sociable gentleman, able under all circumstances to "keep a cool head," a characteristic necessary to the proper conduct of such an important office.

For lack of space this is all that can be said at this time, but being so well known further comment on our part would seem unnecessary.

We have been "warning" the people of Hayti that some sort of "boom" was approaching. We have heard its rumblings and have seen its headlight in the distance. Of its size and proportions we have little idea. We hazard no guess. But it is on the way, and is going to be hard to head off. This morning we are glad to announce that the \$50,000.00 hotel is much nearer a reality than we thought could be the case soon. We don't feel at liberty to go into details at this time, but shall be glad to "tell the news" as soon as the building material begins to be put upon the ground.

The most commendable work in our opinion the Civic League has so far undertaken is the making of a flower park at the Frisco depot. Nothing can better show the civic pride of our little city. It will smile at the public.

—\$50.00 Diamond rings for only \$37.50 during the sale at Turnbaugh's Jewelry Store, Caruthersville.

J. B. Nicholson of Concord, was in town a short while Tuesday morning, going from here to Caruthersville where he had business to see after.

## CIVIC LEAGUE GIVES THANKS

Through The Missouri Herald the Civic League wishes to thank the following gentlemen for their services in helping beautify the High School campus:

Messrs. Chas Morgan, who furnished a man and team; Billy Nethery, lumber for flower beds; I. Kohn, services of man, and E. O. Hooker.

Thanks are also due Capt. C. O. Raine and Company for services on park at station, and the section men who gave their services in helping with the park.

With the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce and the people in general, the League is trying and will succeed in making Hayti a "prettier place in which to live." Let all help.

## "FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE."

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Coleman spent several days of this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. York, also visiting their many other old-time friends who reside in this town. When Mr. Coleman was county court seat was located, and most of his home at Gayoso, where the clerk of Pemiscot county he made the former citizens there having moved to Hayti years ago, the Colemans can probably meet more of their old friends here than at any other place in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are now in Caruthersville, having gone over Thursday afternoon accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lefler and Mrs. Mollie Dorris, the three latter returning the same evening. Mr. Coleman is looking after some litigation in Circuit Court at Caruthersville and as soon as that is over he and Mrs. Coleman will return to their home at Long Beach, California. The Colemans own about one thousand acres of land in this county, as well as being interested in mercantile and banking businesses. They however, own property of as much or more value in Long Beach, and being so well satisfied with California, expect to spend the balance of their days there. But they will never forget their old Pemiscot county friends whom they will continue to visit about once a year.

## "OLD."

Our attention has been called to the headline over the death notice of Dock Hedge, published last week, which read, "Old Dock Hedge Dead." It is no disrespect to be "old," and to be called "old." Age ought to be and generally is, honorable. It was so in the case of Dock Hedge. He possessed that uncouth but rugged honesty and fidelity of the pioneer citizen so rapidly passing from the stage of life. The world has been made better because such men as Dock Hedge has lived in it at a time it took real men to bear the primitive hardships of the past century. "Old," in the headline, was used to distinguish the deceased from his son, "Young Dock," who is very much alive and whom we hope will out-distance the years of his father when the headline appears to announce his finality. But we want to say that it was not Dock nor any of the family that called attention to the rather unusual headlines, though so far as we can see not improper, as age should always be synonymous with honor.

Tax collector, Parker Kersey, of Caruthersville, was in Hayti a short while Wednesday morning and paid this office a business as well as a social call.

—The Diamond is the birthstone for April; buy that diamond now, while the extremely low prices are on, at Turnbaugh's Jewelry Store, Caruthersville.

B. F. Allen and Frank Perkins went to Caruthersville Wednesday to see the high water. They saw it.

—Beautiful blue white diamond ring worth \$225.00, for only \$150.00 during the sale now going on at Turnbaugh's Jewelry Store, Caruthersville.

B. F. Allen and Tom White made a flying trip to Cooter last Sunday.

## WORSE THAN BANK ROBBERY.

In the following the Democrat-Argus delivers a full 97 tonh' worth of cast iron truth:

"We suggest to those of all political parties who are sincerely earnest in their expressed desire for clean politics and lawful elections to take an inventory at this time of all nigger voters in their respective localities so as to prevent those subsequently coming to the state from voting in November. We suggest that a sub-committee of the Republican County Committee be appointed to co-operate with a similar committee of Democrats to take necessary action to guarantee absolutely honest elections in Pemiscot county from this time on. All the beautiful talk about desiring honest elections in mere vapors unless the leading Republicans and Democrats work together to protect the sanctity of the ballot box. It is high time a halt be made in the voting of names on tombstones and imported niggers. Robbing a bank at the point of a pistol is innocent pastime in comparison."

"It is high time a halt was made in the voting of names on tombstones and imported negroes." Indeed it is. And the time as just as "high" when the voting of the whole deck of cards, as was done in the court house election, in addition to voting the tombstones and herds of imported negroes, should cease. It is also "high" time that certain lawyers should cease soliciting fees and the defense of such crimes, "worse than bank robbery." If such lawyers and such "good" citizens will sign agreements with the law and order league not to defend such criminality their agreement not to defend "bootlegging" will not appear half so inconsistent.

We will go the Democrat-Argus one better: It is worse than murder to steal a man's vote, which may be done by ballot-box stuffing and various ways. Take away from a man his right to vote, or to have his vote counted as cast, one and the same and you take away from him that which is dearer than life. That has been what all, or nearly all, our wars have been fought for—man's liberty, and rights in the control of both local and national government. This right may be stolen, but those who steal it cannot get away with it—not as easily as some seem to think.

The Missouri Herald is late this week, also short in reading matter being due to the fact that a ten column, 6-pt legal was brought in about the time we should have been making up the forms for the press. Read it elsewhere. It is the drainage district notice and should be interesting. Drainage is needed for the farms. It is also needed for the town. Drainage costs. Therefore, you will find every lot in Hayti carrying a small tax, as well as the farms that will be benefitted through which the ditch will pass.

—All diamond rings, &c. worth over \$50.00 will be sacrificed for one-third less than regular prices during the sale at Turnbaugh's Jewelry Store, Caruthersville.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church at their meeting at the hospitable home of Mrs. J. L. Dorris Sr., Wednesday afternoon, had for a guest Mrs. H. P. Coleman of Long Beach, California, whom old friends and strangers alike were glad to meet. The above society is doing much to aid their church, having now over \$600.00 in the treasury toward a building fund.

Dr. Rhodes carried Bob Daugherty to Memphis last Friday to place him in a hospital for treatment of a serious spinal trouble. At last report the patient was doing well.

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society conducted an apron and bonnet sale at the G. W. Dorris store last Saturday, meeting with their usual success of good patronage from the public.

Rev. H. Patterson of Marston passed through Hayti Wednesday morning.

## FIRE TRUCK PAID FOR

The following are the donors and the amount each donated to the fire truck fund, as furnished this paper by George C. Akers, who did the collecting:

Chas. J. Morgan	\$10.00
J. S. Sturm	10.00
F. E. Teaster	5.00
P. S. Ravenstein	10.00
H. J. Reinhard	10.00
Wells Drug Co.	10.00
East Arkansas Lumber Co.	10.00
Willard Ray	10.00
Joe McFall	5.00
S. P. Oates	10.00
R. N. Brasher	10.00
L. C. Averill	5.00
O. Popham	5.00
W. T. Nethery	5.00
L. L. Lefler	10.00
I. Kohn	25.00
Ed Moore	5.00
J. L. Dorris	5.00
John F. Stubbs	5.00
Lee Spencer	5.00
W. H. Finch	5.00
Kohn Hardware Co.	5.00
D. & D. Garage	5.00
Fred Morgan	10.00
W. P. Meattie	2.50
T. A. McNeil	5.00
Wolf Khourie	2.50
J. W. Golden	1.00
R. F. Summers	5.00
Hagemann & Moore	5.00
W. E. Gotcher	5.00
Blair Buckley	5.00
A. Hoge	5.00
J. T. Buckley	5.00
J. W. Johnson	5.00
J. W. Rhodes	5.00
Jas. T. Jackson	5.00
F. E. Trout	5.00
Mrs. M. C. Mitchell	2.00
S. B. Owens	1.00
Wm. Boulton	2.00
A. C. Underhill	5.00
T. T. Martin	2.00
P. G. Mumford	1.00
F. Henry	5.00

Total ----- \$274.00  
To the above the city gave ----- 362.50  
Proceeds of a dance ----- 22.90

Total ----- \$659.40  
Cost of truck and extra tires ----- \$535.28

Balance on hand ----- \$124.12  
Of the amount furnished by the city it should be stated that \$100.00 was loaned by the Chamber of Commerce.

## BRYAN NOT TO RUN FOR THE SENATE

Miami, Fla.—William J. Bryan, in a statement given out the first of the week, announced his definite decision not to become a candidate for the United States Senate from Florida.

Albert Little has had his men and teams busy last week and this grading the gap in the north and south state highway that was left when the work was done last year. We understand that no arrangements have been made for putting slices upon this grading, which is very unfortunate, and should have the attention of our people at the very earliest opportunity. It will have to be done sometime, and the sooner the better. We have already "slept upon our rights" in this respect and it is getting high time to wake up and get busy.

Miss Eunice Miller of the Caruthersville High School Faculty, passed through Hayti Sunday afternoon on her return from a day in St. Louis.

—Sun-Maid raisins, seedless or seeded, at Buckleys'.

Dr. Frank Elders of Hematite attended to business in Hayti this week.

—Swansdown cake flour insures better cakes, at Buckleys'.

J. M. Argo and Fred Morgan attended to business in Caruthersville Wednesday.

—Ironclad hose for women, men and children, at Buckleys'.

Everton Speer of Braggadocio was here Wednesday seeing after business.

—Subscribe for The Herald.

## ED JUDEN

Not Ex-Sheriff, nor Editor, nor Judge Juden. Those titles are too formal, too metallic, too cold. Nothing fits but Ed. If he goes to Congress, or to the Senate, or becomes Governor, to the people of Hayti he will always be the same—just Ed. He was too long that to be anything else to his homefolks—the people of Hayti. And he will always be home folks to the people here. He may reside elsewhere, but we have just loaned him.

Ed Juden had full charge of The Missouri Herald office for about an hour last Saturday afternoon. The presses stopped, and the operator pressed a button that turned the linotype into a silent pile of complicated mechanism. The business manager "stood attention," and the editor being absent, was "phoned for, and the "devil" threw down his line and the strenuousness of the office labors were relaxed.

When we arrived Ed had our office force in a radius, he being the center, and was running under a pretty good head of steam, with his collar going into a wilt.

"Hello Ed."

"Hello, Charles!"

Ed is a good writer, but equally as good, or better talker, a rare combination. Henry Watterson could do it, so could Carmack, Grady and a few others, but the twain is about as uncommon as the Siamese twins. The gift is indeed a happy fortune. So, sometimes, when Ed gets with real homefolks, and the feeling of chimney corner days around the fire-side comes back, he is more interesting with his tongue than with his pen. Any good talker can say more with his articulator than he can with his typewriter, for if he happens to get off anything crossways, he can deny he said it, if necessary, and in absence of proof to the contrary the denial stands, while if his expressions are committed to cold type, the words are there to stay. Perhaps that is why the tongue has so many more liberties than the pen. We are speaking in general. We don't mean that Ed did, or ever does take any undue oratorical liberties. At least, he didn't this time. We talked about old things, new things, funny things, ugly things, pretty things, politics, religion and just anything that came up. We would be glad to have Ed return oftener to his old stamping grounds. It would be a good habit, and maybe a safeguard in keeping his toes pointed in the right direction. Others who have left us have strayed too long and too far. They have wandered away from the spirit of our fellowship and truth, and the Golden Rule that makes this little CROSS-ROADS town a favored spot under the sun. And CROSS-ROADS means so much now. We are proud of the distinction.

Ed came over and brought Mrs. Juden with him. Come to think, it might be the reverse. It might be that Mrs. Juden came and brought Ed. Anyway, they came to spend Easter with old friends and in a community where the Resurrection means worship, not philander to worldliness. Their visit was to their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Helm.

Rev. S. H. Tabb, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, now of Oak Ridge, Mo., passed through here Sunday on his way to Senath, where he goes to engage in a protracted meeting. Rev. Tabb spent the night with B. F. Allen.

—Special Diamond sale now going on at Turnbaugh's Jewelry Store, Caruthersville; prices reduced one-fourth on some diamonds, and one-third on others.

H. J. Reinhard returned Saturday from Chicago, where he spent a week looking after business matters. He came in on about the last through train that came through the high waters at Cape Girardeau.

—Hats and caps for men and boys, at Buckleys'.

Dr. B. D. Crowe paid Pascola a professional call Wednesday. The Doctor went by auto and says he found the roads very good.

—Screen wire at Buckleys'.